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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION
IN QATAR

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1. FOLLOWING ARE RESPONSES TO NUMBER QUESTIONS (REFTEL)
ABOUT THE PLO IN QATAR. QTE 1(A) THE PLO DOES MAINTAIN AN
OFFICE IN DOHA. UNQTE

2. QTE 1(B) THE PRESENT HEAD YASIN TALIB EL SHAREEF WAS ASSIGNED
TO DOHA ON AUGUST 12, 1970. HIS TITLE IS "DIRECTOR". ABDEL
SHAFI MOHAMED SIAM IN THE SAME OFFICE HAS TITLE OF "HEAD
DEPARTMENT". PLO OFFICE IS BELIEVED ALSO TO HAVE A SECRETARY
AND DRIVER. PLO AND OFFICERS ARE LISTED IN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S
"LIST OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS" UNDER HEADING OF "OFFICES AND
ORGANIZATIONS". OTHER ORGANIZATIONS LISTED IN THIS SECTION
ARE UNITED NATIONS OFFICES, SUCH AS UNDP AND UNESCO.
GOVERNMENT OF QATAR AND ARAB EMBASSIES IN DOHA TREAT SHAREEF
AND PLO IN MANY RESPECTS AS IF WERE ANOTHER EMBASSY.
FOR THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, SHAREEF HAS BEEN SPENDING
ALTERNATE WEEKS IN QATAR AND SAUDI ARABIA. UNQTE

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3. QTE 1(C) GOQ DOES NOT OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE PLFP, PDFLP,
SAIQA, FATAH OR ALF. THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOT
REPRESENTED IN QATAR, AT LEAST NOT OPENLY. THIS IS NOT TO SAY
THAT ONE OR MORE OF THEM MAY NOT HAVE CLANDESTINE REPRE-
SENTATION HERE. UNQTE

4. QTE 1(D) WITHOUT MAKING INQUIRIES, AND WE GATHER FROM

REFTEL THAT THIS IS NOT TO BE DONE, IT IS NOT
POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE THE EXACT PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES
ACCORDED THE PLO. AS INDICATED ABOVE, HOWEVER, THE GOQ
INCLUDES THE PLO AS AN ADDRESSEE OF ITS DIPLOMATIC NOTES.
WE WOULD GUESS THAT PLO REPRESENTATIVES HERE HAVE REGULAR
DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES. UNQTE
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